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					Hoogly Murshidbad, Bradhaman, Howrah
20.	NCT of Delhi	-	-	Shahdara, & Mehrauli Blocks	-

Additional funding for AIBP

428. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre is likely to provide additional funding of Rs. 2,000 crore for the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme during the current financial year and the programme is the part of the Government's seven point Bharat Nirman programme to push the development of rural India into fast gear;

(b) whether the additional fund for AIBP will be in addition to the budgetary provision of Rs. 3,580 crore during 2007-08; and

(c) whether the States will be persuaded to earmark more funds for the irrigation projects which play a crucial role in improving farm output and bridging the yield gap of crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) A budgetary provision of Rs. 3580 crores during the year, 2007-08 has been made for Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme. Planning Commission have indicated a upward revision of AIBP outlays by Rs.2000 crores. AIBP meets the demands of the Bharat Nirman programme under which a major thrust on irrigation is included. Releases under AIBP are based on AIBP proposals submitted by the State Governments with adequate budget provision for works in State's budget and AIBP ceiling for the State fixed by the Planning Commission in consultation with the State Governments.

Bringing of more hectares of land under irrigation

†429. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme has been prepared for bringing one crore hectare of land under irrigated area in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.